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C O N F I D E N T I A L JAKARTA 4433

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR ASEAN ID

SUBJECT: MALIK COMMENTS ON ASEAN

REFS: A. STATE 066464; B.
BANGKOK 5465; C. STATE 0/669"#
D. STATE 051556

1. EMBOFF CHECKED WITH FOREIGN DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN NANA
SUTRESNA WHO STATED THEV HE IS CERTAIN THAT MALIK HAS BEEN
MISQUOTED BY BANGKOK POST IN ITS REPORT THAT HE HOPES TO SEE
" DELEGATES OF THE VIET CONG AND THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE REPRESENT
SVN AT THE APRIL 16-18 ASEAN MEETING. NANA SAID THAT HE HAD
UNTIL NOW BEEN UNAWARE OF THE BANGKOK POST ARTICLE WHICH TO HIS
KNOWLEDGE -- AND OURS -- HAS NOT BEEN REPEATED IN JAKARTA PRESS.
HOWEVER, FROM GENERAL COMMENTS RE ASEAN MEETING WHICH MALIK
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MADE AT FOREIGN

DEPARTMENT STAFF CONFERENCE NANA ATTENDED JUST BEFORE MALIK' S
APRIL 10 DEPARTURE FOR TOKYO ECAFE MEETING, NANA IS CONVINCED
MALIK COULD NOT HAVE MADE REMARK ATTRIBUTED TO HIM BY BANGKOK
POST.

2. IT REMAINS POSSIBLE THAT NANA MAY BE UNDERESTIMATING
MALIK' S ORAL AGILITY AND WE CANNOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY
MALIK MADE STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO HIM IN BANGKOK POST
-- WITH AN EYE ON INDONESIAN RELATIONS WITH BOTH VIETNAMESE
PARTIES IN ICCS. (AT SAME TIME ALLEGED STATEMENT
MAKES IT CLEAR INDONESIA NOT ACTION PARTY ON MATTER OF
INVITING SOUTH VIETNAMESE OBSERVERS TO THE ASEAN MEETING.)
RECALLING GOI' S LONGSTANDING POSITION THAT IT DOES NOT
WANT ASEAN TO BECOME A POLITICAL BATTLEGROUND, WE CONSIDER
IT VERY IMPROBABLE THAT MALIK WOULD WANT THE VIET CONG TO
ATTEND THE ASEAN MEETING UNLESS -- HIGHLY UNLIKELY -- THE
GVN AND OTHER ASEAN MEMBERS PERCEIVED NO OBJECTIONS.

3. NEVERTHELESS, WITH MALIK OUT OF COUNTRY AND NOT RETURNING
UNTIL AFTER ASEAN MEETING (HE GOES DIRECTLY FROM ECAFE
MEETING IN TOKYO TO THAILAND, WE WILL SEEK APPROPRIATE
OCCASION TO MAKE POINTS CITED IN REFS C AND D TO OTHER
FOREIGN DEPT OFFICIALS.
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